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TWENTY-ONE LETTERMEN returned to the Northwestern State College football squad for the 1964 season. Six are seniors playing their final year. The lettermen are: left to right, front row, Gary Pittman, Kenny Guillot, Claude Patrick, James Aymond, Al Dodd, Ed Horton; second row, Bobby Parker, Don Beasley, Allen Plummer, Al Moreau, Grover Colvin, Earl Yeomans, Ross Gwinn; third row, Lawrence Nugent, Richard Berlitz, Donnie Carroll, Charles Ragus, Corwyn Aldredge, Fred Fulton, Wayne Walker, and Dick Reding.



BILLY EUGENE CHRISTMAS has been appointed trainer for Northwestern athletic teams. He received his undergraduate degree in 1955 and a master's in 1956. He served as student trainer for Demon teams while at NSC. Christmas is from West Lake and came to Northwestern from St. Patrick's Hospital in Lake Charles where he was a physical therapist.

NSC Opens '64 Season, Winning Over SFA 34-14

As we go to press, Northwestern's football Demons will meet Louisiana College Saturday night, Sept. 26, after an impressive opening 34-14 win over Stephen F. Austin at State Fair Stadium in Shreveport.

The Louisiana College battle was the 52nd meeting of the two rivals since 1908.

Northwestern dropped to a losing record last season, winning 4 and losing 6 after winning its first Gulf States Conference title.

With 21 returning lettermen, Coach Jack Clayton and his assistants began Sept. 1 the rebuilding of another GSC contender. Several promising first-year players reported and the second and third Demon units were predominantly inexperienced.

However, a rigorous conditioning program combined with intense desire to win provided an aggressive performance and a victory over Stephen F. Austin.

Northwestern secured the return of Chief Caddo, seven-foot,



MEMBERS OF THE COACHING STAFF are, left to right, Gene Knecht, A. C. (Red) Phillips, Athletic Director and Head Coach Jack Clayton, Alvin (Cracker) Brown, and Ernest (Slim) Howell. Phillips joined the staff this year, replacing Walter Ledet, who has been placed in charge of the new Coliseum.

400-pound wooden Indian symbol of victory in the series. Players presented the game ball to Coach Phillips and Coach Clayton accepted a ball which had been passed for 100 miles from Nacogdoches, Tex., to Natchitoches by a SFA fraternity.

It was a pleasing beginning

for the 1964 season but many pitfalls were ahead. The Demons open their GSC schedule Oct. 3 at Northeast. Games follow with tough Abilene Christian, Ouachita Baptist, Louisiana Tech, McNeese, Southwestern, and Southeastern.

Primary problems facing the

Demon coaching staff were the development of an adequate defense, particularly in the secondary. First-year players had much to learn in little time.

Coach Clayton, because of substitution rules changes, was able to return to his favored three-

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MAKE PLANS NOW FOR HOMECOMING DAY, SATURDAY, NOV. 14



THE T. C. FRANCIS FAMILY lives in Houston where T. C. (BS '46) teaches industrial arts at Furr Junior-Senior High School, and Sara (formerly Sara Frances Johnson, AB '44) teaches third grade at Houston Gardens Elementary School. In the picture, left to right are: Sara, Robert, 12, Charles, 15, Preston, 10, and T. C. Francis.



Cupid's Doings

Miss JANIE JONES, BA '64, and James Elton Scruggs were married in the First Methodist Church of Leesville on May 30. After a wedding trip to Natchez, Miss., they are living in Natchitoches.

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Miss DOLORES ANN BROWN, BA '61, and William Lloyd Porter were united in marriage Saturday, May 30, at the Highland Baptist Church of Shreveport. The couple is at home in New Orleans.

At home in Natchitoches, where the bridegroom is a member of the NSC faculty, are Mr. and Mrs. Hiram F. Gregory. Mrs. Gregory is the former Miss JEANETTE ALICE FRIED, who last year received a degree from NSC's School of Nursing.

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Following their marriage May 30 in St. Theresa's Catholic Church in Shreveport, Miss DOROTHY LOUISE ANDRIES, BS '63, and Joe Norris, Jr., left for a honeymoon at Lake of Pines in Texas. They now reside in Bossier City.

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Miss MARILYN ANNE SCROGGS and FRANCIS ALEX CLOUTIER III pledged their nuptial vows in St. Joseph Catholic Church in Marksville. Both were recent graduates of NSC. After a honeymoon on the Gulf Coast, they are living in Alexandria.

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Dr. Martin Edward Vancil took Miss PEGGY JOAN HERRIN, BS '57, for his bride in a cere-

mony performed June 2 in the Southside Baptist Church of Alexandria. They are living in New Orleans, where the bride is technical coordinator for the School of Nursing at New Orleans General Hospital, and the groom is engaged in the practice of medicine.

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Blanchard Baptist Church was the scene of the marriage on June 5 of Miss MARY ELLEN TYLER, BA '64, and Robert Emmett Gordon. After a wedding trip to California, they are living in Shreveport.

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Saturday, June 6, Miss HELEN FAYE WEST, BA '63, and Vander Leon Conly, Jr., were wed in the chapel of the Blanchard Baptist Church.

After their wedding at St. John Berchman's Catholic Church, June 6, Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH F. GIGLIO left on a wedding trip to Panama City, Florida. The bride is the former Miss Sandra Moore, a student at NSC, where the groom received his degree in May.

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CARROLL E. SLACK, BS '64, claimed Miss Linda Kay Snow as his bride in an impressive double-ring ceremony in the Church of Christ in Cotton Valley on June 6. After a wedding trip, they are at home in Houston.

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Mangham Methodist Church was the scene of the wedding on June 2 of Miss Virginia Ann Lewis, NSC student, and JAMES



JERRY BOB HERNANDEZ, born Feb. 19, 1964, is the son of Jerry Hernandez, BS '62, and his wife, the former Anne Reese, of Gueydan.

20 Members of Northwestern Faculty Receive Promotions in Academic Rank

President John S. Keyser has announced the promotion of 20 faculty members at Northwestern State College following approval of the State Board of Education.

The promotion list was submitted by department heads and referred to the State Board of Education for approval following review by the NSC deans and President Kyser.

Of the total number, five faculty members were promoted to the rank of professor, nine to associate professor, and six were up-graded from instructor to assistant professor.

PIERCE BOYD, BS '63. After returning from a wedding trip to South Louisiana, they are at home in Natchitoches.

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The first Baptist Church of Natchitoches was the setting June 6 for the wedding of Miss JUDY BOB ROBERTS, BA '63, and ROBERT EUGENE EASLEY, BS '62, MS '63. They are residing in Houston, where both are employed.

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Miss CAROLYN HOPE BROUSSARD and Lt. PERRY LAMAR BRASELL exchanged nuptial vows Saturday, June 6, in Mary Calderwood Bolton Memorial Chapel of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Alexandria. The newlyweds, May graduates of NSC, left for a honeymoon in Texas, thence to Fort Gordon, Ga., where he is temporarily assigned with the United States Army.

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On June 7, the First Baptist Church of Mansfield was the scene of the wedding of Miss BETTYE LOU FLETCHER, BS '63, and GERALD LYNN BENNETT, BA '62. After a wedding trip to Florida they are living in

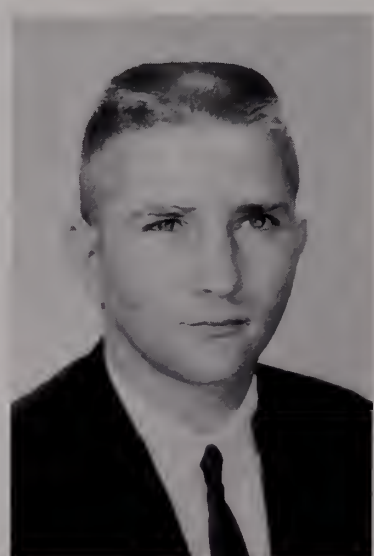
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Faculty members receiving promotions are listed by department and new rank as follows:

Professor—Dr. Ralph Fell, agriculture; Dr. Leonard F. Fowler, education; Dr. Raymond A. McCoy, education and psychology; Dr. Colleen B. Nelken, health and physical education, and Dr. William E. Timon, mathematics.

Associate professor—Michael J. Cousins, special education; Dr. Violet Davion, health and physical education; Walter Weffentette, industrial education; Dr. William A. Philp, education; William C. Culp, Mrs. Jane Nahm, and Drs. LeRoi Eversull, Donald Rawson, Gordon Healey, all social sciences.

Assistant professor — Hiram Gregory, social sciences; Shirley Robbins, business; Miss Barbara Rogers, nursing; and Ernest Howell, Eugene Knecht, and Mrs. Jewell Richie, all health and physical education.



CHARLES R. WATTS, BS, '64 has recently joined Pittsburg Plate Glass Company, Chemical Division, in Lake Charles, as a chemist.



JIM HAMMONS (B.S. 1959) writes that he has completed his master's degree in College Student Personnel at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Ill. Jim has been selected as the recipient of a \$5000 Kellogg Foundation Junior College Leadership Fellowship at the University of Texas and he, Cookie (Jerelyn Cook, Nursing 58-59) and Charlie moved to Texas in September where he will work on his Ph.D. in Junior College Administration. He plans to complete the degree by June of 1966.

Plans Progressing For MBA Degree

It is hoped that the addition of Dr. Gene Kerry Jones and Dr. Earl G. Thames to the business faculty of Northwestern State College will soon make it possible to offer the master of business administration degree, according to Dr. David Townsend, dean of the School of Applied Arts and Sciences.

The two faculty members, both holding doctoral degrees, were employed to strengthen faculty personnel in the Department of Business preparatory to offering the degree which has received State Board of Education approval. Northwestern has offered for a number of years, the master of business education degree. When offered, the new degree will serve the needs of those students who are interested in careers in business rather than education.

"We do not plan to offer the master's degree in business administration until such time as we can do an outstanding job. The employment of these two men represents a step toward that eventual goal," Dean Townsend stated.

A native of North Carolina, Dr. Jones received both the bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Alabama where



LITTLE MISS Avery Leanne Midkiff, 1-year old daughter of the Kenneth D. Midkiffs (Eula Mae Pelt, BS '48, and MS '60). Leanne was named for her grandmother, Avery Self Pelt, who attended the Normal in the early 20's. The Midkiffs live in Huntsville, Texas, where Mr. Midkiff is a senior at Sam Houston State and Mrs. Midkiff is a member of the faculty in the department of business administration.

he received several awards. He later did graduate work at the University of California, Berkeley, and received the doctor of philosophy degree in business administration from the University of Texas.

Born in Monroe, Dr. Thames was reared in Mississippi and received the bachelor's, master's, and doctorate in business administration from the University of Mississippi. Dr. Thames is a Certified Public Accountant.

Annual NSC Homecoming Slated for November 14

Cenla Unit Holds Annual Meeting

The annual fall dinner meeting of the Rapides unit of the Northwestern State College Alumni Association was held in Alexandria at Effie's Restaurant, Thursday, Sept. 24.

Featured speakers were NSC President John S. Kyser and Coach Jack Clayton. Also attending from Northwestern was Joe W. Webb, alumni secretary.

Clark Returns to NSC Following Year's Leave

Roy G. Clark, director of the NSC News Bureau, has returned from a one-year professional improvement leave and resumed his duties at Northwestern.

In 1963-64 Clark was in Carbondale, Ill., where he was working toward the Ph.D. in journalism. During his absence Earl C. Coulon, assistant director, served as consultant to THE COLUMNS.

In Memoriam

Norman Freno Goff died Monday, May 18, 1964 in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Shreveport after a long illness. He was a graduate of Northwestern State College.

Mrs. B. L. Brown, Jr. (Laura Nettles, BA '36) of Coushatta, died May 18, following a lengthy illness.

Marcus L. Dismukes, of Natchitoches, a graduate of 1906, died recently.

Thomas M. Nunez, BS '61, died August 27 when struck by lightning while on a fishing trip.

November 14 is the date set for the annual Northwestern State College Homecoming, and plans are being made to assure that the event will be its usual success.

Committees began functioning immediately after the opening of school this fall, and plans are taking shape, according to J. W. Webb, alumni secretary, who expects a record number of former students and graduates to return to the campus for the day's activities.

Final plans are yet incomplete. The tentative schedule is: coffee and registration, 8:30 to 10:00 A.M.; Homecoming Parade, 10:00 A.M.; Homecoming Luncheon, St. Denis Hall, 11:00 A.M.; Homecoming Football Game, 2:00 P.M.; pre-game activities, 1:40 - 1:55 P.M.; Alumni board meeting 9 - 10:00 A.M.; open house all day for fraternities and sororities; Homecoming Dance from 8 to 12 P.M. will conclude the day's activities.

The Homecoming game will pit the Demons against the Bulldogs of the University of Southwestern Louisiana. The pre-game and half-time ceremonies will feature the presentation of winning parade floats, newly elected officers of the NSC Alumni Association, and introduction of the Homecoming Queen and her court.

The classes to be honored at Homecoming are the ones ending in 4 — 1894, 1904, 1914, 1924, 1934, 1944, 1954, and 1964. They will be seated together and will be given special recognition at the luncheon. Any assistance you may be able to give us in locating members of these classes will be greatly appreciated. Please drop us a card giving us their names and addresses.

THE ALUMNI LUNCHEON

St. Denis Hall — 11:00 A.M.

Cut Out and Mail Today

Reservation deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 11.

Mr. J. W. Webb
N.S.C. Alumni Association
Natchitoches, Louisiana

I shall be at the Homecoming on Saturday, November 14, and would like to reserve _____ tickets at \$1.50 each for the Alumni Luncheon. You will find my check enclosed

for \$ _____.

Name _____

Address _____

(Give complete address so tickets can be mailed)



TIM, 6, AND MIKE, 4, are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence E. Donohoe, Jr. (Gloria Gates, BS '50) of Lafayette.

NW ALUMNI GROUP SCHEDULES EVENTS

The Northwest Louisiana unit of the Northwestern State College Alumni Association has announced plans for the forthcoming weeks to open the group's 1964-65 activities.

Heading the unit's program is the annual membership drive which is now in progress. The unit which comprises the parishes of Caddo, Bossier, DeSoto, Red River, and Webster, assesses dues of \$2 per year and is one of the more active units in the state.

Teachers may pay dues by contacting Mrs. Dot Cromwell, Caddo Heights School, or James Gray, Linwood Junior High School. Others should mail dues to O. H. (Buddy) Patterson, 533 East Southfield Blvd., phone 868-4907.

Meeting Scheduled

The annual pre-Tech game dinner meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 13, in the Lake Rooms of the Captain Shreve Hotel, Shreveport. Tickets for the buffet dinner will be \$2.50.

President John S. Kyser and



ROBIN RENEE, little daughter of the Kenneth Terweys, of Bridge City, Texas. Mrs. Terwey will be remembered as Juanita Miller, BA '61, and Kenneth, BS, '58 received his MS in education in 1962.



DAVID WAYNE NORWOOD, 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Norwood, Jr. (Lula Crawford, nursing '60), resides in Baton Rouge with his parents.

ALUMNI HERE AND THERE

GERALD F. FLANAGAN, a math graduate of '64, has been employed by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Manned Spacecraft Center, Houston, as an aerospace technologist.

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Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT EUGENE EASLEY have recently moved to Houston where they have been employed. Mrs. Easley, the former JUDY BOB ROBERTS, BA '63, will teach in the Pasadena Independent School District, while Eugene, BS '62, and MS '63, will work for NASA.

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Commander R. I. McFARLAND, graduate of '46, of 3204 Cheltenham Rd., Virginia Beach, Va., is aboard the MSS Enterprise now proceeding on Operation Sea Orbit, the around-the-world cruise of the first nuclear-powered task force. Cmdr. McFarland is the operations officer on the carrier Air Wing Six Staff which is aboard the Enterprise. Mrs. McFarland is the former DOROTHY BROCK, graduate of '45, of Natchitoches.

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Mr. and Mrs. JAMES F. MERRITT have recently built a home in Benton, and are enjoying it after having spent twenty years living in U. S. Navy quarters. Merritt, a retired Navy Commander, finished in '39, and his wife, the former BETTY DOTY, also attended NSC.

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William Joe Lyles, BS '58, owns and operates a hardware store in Rayville. His wife, formerly Marilyn Morace of Jena, attended NSC for two years.

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John D. Ropp, MS '58, is head football coach and director of physical education at the new Airline High School in Bossier City.

Mrs. EVA M. FINLEY SMITH, 2-yr., 1925, BA 1949, reports that she has retired from the teaching profession after serving for thirty years in Louisiana, Arkansas, and Texas. Her new home will be in Jena.

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BILL W. SHAW, BS '54 received his EdD degree in August from the University of Missouri. His sister, Dr. Marie S. Dunn, is the new head of the Home Economics Department at NSC. Dr. Shaw will teach industrial education at Eastern State Teachers College, Richmond, Ky.

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RALPH E. McNABB, Jr., BS '61, has been appointed a sales representative of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company of Hartford. He is married, the father of one daughter, and lives in Shreveport.

CUPID'S DOINGS—

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Shreveport, where they both have teaching positions.

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Miss VIRGINIA LOU SETTLE, BS '64, became the bride of Don Leonard Scott, Jr., in a double-ring ceremony in the Schultz Chapel of the First Baptist Church of Natchitoches. After a trip to Biloxi, they are at home in Natchitoches.

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Miss ELLIS MARIE WEAVER, MA '61, and TRENT O. MELDER, BS '49, spoke their wedding vows in the First Baptist Church of Rayville. After a trip to the East coast, they returned to Natchitoches to reside, where the bride is a member of the English faculty at NSC and Mr. Melder is coach at Natchitoches High School.

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Couch Chapel of the First Methodist Church of Shreveport

NSC OPENS—

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unit system. Again the Demons have a White two-way team, a Purple offensive unit, and a Blue defensive team.

Clayton believes the three-unit system has advantages because it instills in players pride of belonging to "a team," more players acquire experience through opportunity to play, and individual players can play at top speed for short periods of time.

The 1964 squad is a highly-spirited, aggressive group. Although it is difficult to predict a successful record, it is certain that individual players will acquire a respect for their desire and hustle.

was the scene June 13, of the wedding of Miss CAROLYN VIRGINIA WHITTINGTON, BA '64, and Francis Patrick Spano.

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